

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 95-715-G - ORDER NO. 95-1591✓  
OCTOBER 12, 199

IN RE: Application for Piedmont Natural Gas ) ORDER  
Company for an adjustment of its ) DENYING  
rates and charges and for approval ) PETITION FOR  
of Revised Depreciation Rates ) NIGHT HEARING

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the renewed Petition for Night Hearing in this docket filed by the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina (the Consumer Advocate). In our Order No. 95-1490, dated August 30, 1995, we held that the Commission would hold the question of whether or not to hold night hearings in abeyance until the hearing on the merits in the matter, at which time the Commission would make a decision on whether or not to hold night hearings in the case. The Consumer Advocate renewed its request at the close of evidentiary hearing in this docket.

The Commission has examined this matter, and believes that the Consumer Advocate's Petition for Night Hearing must be denied. In our Order No. 95-1490, we noted that no complaints concerning Piedmont Natural Gas Company (Piedmont) had been received by the Consumer Services Department of the Commission in this case. Also, in its August 23, 1995 response to the Consumer Advocate's Petition for Night Hearing filed by Piedmont, the Company complained of the lack of specificity of complaints noted by the Consumer Advocate.

We have examined this matter and find that there is still a lack of complaints in our Consumer Services Department about this Company. Further, the Consumer Advocate has noted no specific complaints of consumers in the record in this case. We therefore hold that the Petition for Night Hearing filed by the Consumer Advocate must be denied. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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